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SUBJECT: W/W: JOHN KARL SCOTT

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED BY SCOTT TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT HIS PARENTS (MR. IVAN SCOTT, 3324 GODDARD RD., TOLEDO, OHIO, TEL. 419-472-1908) AND INFORM THEM THAT HE SUFFERED A BROKEN LEG IN AN ACCIDENT WHILE TRAVELLING BY TRAIN THROUGH BULGARIA EN ROUTE TO ISTANBUL. HIS CONDITION IS NOT SERIOUS THOUGH HE REMAINS IN THE HOSPITAL IN PLOVDIV WHERE HE HAS BEEN SINCE THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED ON AUGUST 24. SCOTT HAS UNDERGONE AN OPERATION ON THE FEMUR (LEFT LEF) AND HIS CONDITION IS IMPROVING DAILY. ACCORDING TO THE PLOVDIV HOSPITAL, SCOTT SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO THE US IN THE NEAR FUTURE, POSSIBLY IN TWO WEEKS. EMBASSY CONSULTING WITH HOSPITAL RE SCOTT'S DEPARTURE BULGARIA AND WILL REPORT SPECIFIC TRAVEL DATA WHEN AVAILABLE PERSONAL LETTER FROM SCOTT TO PARENTS MAILED SEPTEMBER 11.

2. CONOFFS HAVE VISITED SCOTT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SINCE THE EMBASSY WAS INFORMED OF SCOTT'S ACCIDENT ON SEPTEMBER 7. NEXT VISIT BY CONOFF LIKELY TO BE ON SEPTEMBER 14. SCOTT IS STILL CONFINED TO HIS HOSPITAL ROOM AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE EMBASSY TO CONTACT HIM DIRECTLY BY TELEPHONE. VERY FEW OF THE
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HOSPITAL PERSONNEL SPEAK ENGLISH. THUS EMBASSY MUST RELY ON PERSONAL VISITS, PHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE PROPER ASSISTANCE TO SCOTT.

3. RESOURCE AVAILABLE TO SCOTT FOR MEETING ANTICIPATED EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH HIS RETURN TO THE US IS A

CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF TOLEDO, OHIO IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. EMBASSY INQUIRY TO BULGARIAN FOREIGN TRADE BANK INDICATES THAT IT WOULD TAKE THE BFTBANK SEVERAL WEEKS TO CLEAR THE CHECK AND PROVIDE SCOTT QTH THE MONEY NEEDED TO PAY FOR HIS RETURN AIR TICKEZZTO THE USA. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THE DEPARTMENT EXPLORE WITH SCOTT'S PARENTS THE POSSIBILITY OF PREPAYING SCOTT'S AIRLINE TICKET SOFIA-TOLEDO (OR DETROIT) IN USA OR ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY TRUST FUND WITH THE DEPARTMENT SO THAT THE NECESSARY FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SCOTT IN BULGARIA. CONOFF WILL REVIEW ALTERNAZGVES WITH SCOTT AT NEXT MEETING. SINCE THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR NECESSARY MEDICAL TREATMENT RAFFORDED TOURISTS IN BULGARIA, SCOTT WILL NOT BE CHARGED FOR TREATMENT RECEIVED DURING HIS HOSPITALIZATION IN PLOVDIV. ANTICIPATED EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO SCOTT'S MOVEMENT TO SOFIA SHOULD BE WITHIN HIS REMAINING AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM CASH AND TRAVELER'S CHECKS.

4. PRIVACY ACT AUTHORIZATION GIVEN BY SCOTT TO CONOFF ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1978

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